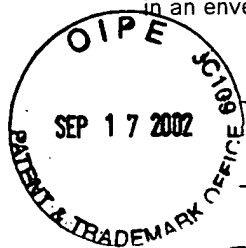


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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT and RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated 06/18/2001. No additional fees are believed to be necessary.

Please amend as follows:

**In the Claim:**

Please delete the present claim and insert the new claim that is enclosed on the substitute specification.